

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Santes Gwenfaen

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Summary

The school is a happy, inclusive and caring community where pupils' wellbeing is central to its work. The headteacher has a clear and ambitious vision which is shared with pupils, staff and parents successfully. This leads to a strong sense of trust, pride and respect between staff and pupils across the school.

Leaders and teachers foster a positive culture that promotes professional learning and offers valuable opportunities for staff to develop their skills. The curriculum provided by teachers is interesting and develops most pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding skilfully.

Pupils develop into independent and curious learners, and most make sound progress in oral, reading, writing and mathematics skills. Although there is appropriate progress in pupils' Welsh oral and reading skills, the minority are less confident in using Welsh in their learning and play. Regular opportunities for pupils to write in a variety of texts support them to make sound progress in both languages.

Staff offer rich learning experiences which include practical tasks and valuable arts activities. Pupils' artwork is a notable element and the provision for promoting the expressive arts is effective. Use of the external areas enriches the curriculum and supports pupils' well-being and social development beneficially.

There is a strong working relationship between staff, pupils and parents, which promotes respect and effective communication. The school monitors attendance carefully and ensures that pupils develop positive attitudes to learning. The governing body is supportive of the school and challenges and supports leaders purposefully.

The school provides a safe, supportive and inspiring environment where most pupils make sound progress and develop into confident, curious and committed learners.

Recommendations and next steps

We have made one recommendation to help the school continue to improve:

R1 Continue to develop Welsh oral and reading skills to improve pupils' confidence and fluency

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection

Full Report

If you would like to read more about Estyn's evaluation of the school, please follow this link to the [full report](#)

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